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*"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"*  
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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### McKEITHEN & MAFIA

When Rep. John Rarick (D-La) announced his intention to run against Governor John J. McKeithen, few gave the first-term Congressman much chance to beat the entrenched incumbent. McKeithen has entrenched himself so well that some \$350,000 in pledged contributions to Rarick suddenly dried up after the Governor learned the identities of the givers and "persuaded" them to withdraw their pledges.

Campaigning was not easy for the challenger, who found the press, radio and TV of Louisiana ignoring him. It looked hopeless for the plucky Congressman, who is determined to "expose" McKeithen as a stand-in and a supporter of the national Democratic machine.

In the last two weeks things have suddenly changed to the extent that many are now giving even odds that Rarick will defeat McKeithen. The press covers every word Rarick says and throngs are coming out to hear him talk wherever he goes.

The sudden change is due to *Life* magazine's recent exposé of the Mafia in Louisiana. Top mobster, Carlos Marcello, has been shown to have direct connections with the McKeithen administration. McKeithen, alarmed, sent the Louisiana State Police scurrying around the state buying up copies of *Life*.

The revelations have upset McKeithen so much that he promised to resign if *Life's* accusations could be proven. And WO has learned, on good authority, that on Wednesday, September 27, McKeithen flew to New York to plea for forgiveness from *Life*, and then and there offered the magazine an \$80,000 advertising contract from the state if they would "lay off" him. But *Life* is playing for much bigger stakes than an advertising contract.

NOTE: *Life* does not mean to help Rarick. Real target is not McKeithen but New Orleans District Attorney, Jim Garrison, whose investigation of the Kennedy assassination *Life* means to stop at all costs.

### PROFIT ABOVE ALL

Air Force officers are gravely concerned about the way that the Aerospace Corporation, with the backing of the Pentagon, has been worming its way into AF affairs. Col. Jesse Hamby, in charge of contracts for the Air Force, has charged that Aerospace virtually ordered him to pay alleged charges not once but twice. Hamby was transferred to another job where he couldn't block the supposedly non-profit corporation, which is controlled by a Wall Street combine through its president, Ivan Getting.

A secret report prepared by the Air Force is now circulating among top military and congressional leaders which documents a series of damaging charges against Aerospace. The Pentagon and Wall Street can be expected to bring every conceivable pressure to bear to prevent this report being made public.

### EARLY BIRD

President Johnson is so alarmed at his falling popularity that he is beefing up the dormant Democratic National Committee a full six months before he intended to do so.

He decimated the Committee in 1965 to prevent Bobby Kennedy from building a sabotage empire from within and left Kennedy-appointed National Chairman John M. Bailey in the saddle as a figurehead.

The National Committee functions efficiently without an official executive director because LBJ himself is the real executive director. Operating through his White House aide, Marvin Watson, he directs every detail of the committee's operations. Later, John Criswell, the committee's acting treasurer and acting chief administrative officer, may also carry the title of "acting" executive director, but LBJ will be the committee's clandestine director; he wants to make sure that Bobby does not slip in some of his saboteurs to gum up the works.

The President has appointed Walter Reuther's man, former Rep. Billie Farnum, to reactivate the registration division that LBJ had previously abolished. Farnum will coordinate with Roy Reuther who heads up the UAW's registration drive on a block-to-block basis. (Roy always doubles as COPE's chief organizer in national election campaigns.)

LBJ picked Cristobal Aldrate, Texas lawyer, to line up the Mexican-American voters.

LBJ appointed William Phillips, staff director of the ultra-liberal House Democratic Study Group, to head up a beefed-up Research Division. Among other things this unit is engaged in snooping activities, including wire-tapping.)

But LBJ can't stop RFK from sabotaging. *At this very moment Kennedy cohorts are mailing out letters to their faithful advising them to get on LBJ delegate slates for the Democratic National Convention where they can switch to RFK if they get the signal. If LBJ can't regain his slipping prestige by convention time, Bobby may grab the nomination regardless of how many delegates LBJ has pledged.*

The weakness of LBJ and his man, Watson, is that

ford Act, provides a year's imprisonment or a fine of \$1000 for a violation.

In his efforts to placate the liberals, Reagan is even acting contrary to the indisputable will of the voters. For instance, in 1964 they repudiated the Rumford open housing act by a 2 to 1 majority. Yet in the fight on the bill in the legislature in August, Reagan aligned himself with hardened liberals and extreme Leftists to retain the unpopular law. Although verbally condemning it, Reagan supported a move which would have made it "worse than the original Rumford Act itself," according to state Senator John Schmitz, who has pushed for outright repeal. Schmitz's bill to repeal the Rumford Act, at first eschewed by Reagan, was amended in the Senate to the point where it became a weapon which could club real estate agents who have fought the act. At this point, it was supported by the actor.

Another puzzling move by Reagan was his support of an ultra-liberal abortion bill. After proponents of the bill in the legislature had given up hope that it could ever pass, Reagan rescued it by supporting it, and it passed by a close margin.

Although his policies to date have brought no great outcry from Conservatives because anyone hates to admit they've been fooled, perhaps his reported support of the unpopular Thomas Kuchel will be his Waterloo. WO can report that Reagan has quietly instructed his public relations firm to get Kuchel re-nominated and re-elected in 1968, although the majority of the Republican Party is clearly anti-Kuchel.

Shortly after Reagan's election, WO (December 15, 1966) predicted that Conservatives would soon begin to "take a second look" at the movie actor.

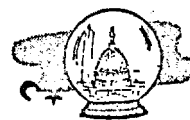
## Observations

Communist Herbert Aptheker has been given back his passport after making an illegal trip to North Vietnam. The State Department announced this with no further comment on October 2. . . . LBJ was unable to get support for his Panama treaties from the AFL-CIO because there was no provision in them to protect the rights of 6,000 craft union workers employed in the Canal Zone. They enjoy protection now under U.S. labor laws; would lose them if Panama were to take over . . . The Congressional Hotel, across the street from the Congressional Office Building, has had its cashier's cage robbed 100 times since Earl Warren's desegregation decision in 1954. . . . The hotel, located on the edge of the Negro section, is practically deserted over the weekends and on holidays; has been forced to close its restaurant except when Congress is in session. Misery loves company.

Since 1956, when many railroads still used coal locomotives, the mortality rate from lung cancer among engineers has risen 900%. Diesel fumes are considered at fault. . . . Despite the fact that the Soviet

Union now has two submarine bases in Cuba, it covets the big American naval base at Guantanamo to house its giant, nuclear-armed snorkel-type subs. The Reds are anxious to eliminate U.S. naval supremacy for good in the Caribbean. . . . The Watts area in Los Angeles is still an economic wasteland. Its business street was once the busiest in LA; now it is practically deserted, and still a burned-out hulk, two years after the famous riot. Negroes are moving out of Watts rapidly and pushing into formerly all-White areas of Inglewood and other adjoining towns. . . . The Armed Forces Qualification tests showed, before lowering the mental standard, that the failure for Negro draftees was 67% compared with 18.8% for White draftees.

## Crystal Ball



Some superficial observers thought that the Kremlin suffered as a result of the recent, short Mideast war. It is clear to see now that the United States has suffered and the Soviet Union has gained. The U.S. has lost all influence in the Mideast except through some oil companies which still maintain a footing there; but the Reds now have the Arabs eating out of their hand. The Crystal Ball sees the Mediterranean colored communist red on the maps; watch for the next step: The Soviets will soon establish a naval base in Algeria at Mers-el-Kabir, once known as "the French Gibraltar." It is considered atomic-bomb proof. Odds are that the U. S. Sixth Fleet will withdraw from the whole area.

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WO, which reported the contents of LBJ's Panama Canal treaties over a year before anyone else, now predicts that the treaties will be put on ice for the balance of this year. Main reason is that Administration timing became out of joint once the treaty was exposed and groups like the potent Liberty Lobby began hitting at it. After the exertion of pressuring the Senate to ratify the Consular Treaty with the great majority of voters opposed to it, the Administration just did not have the internal fortitude to do it again.

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New Orleans' district attorney Jim Garrison is going to produce in court soon authenticated CIA documents to prove that Lee Oswald was on the payroll of the CIA shortly before the Kennedy assassination, according to a high security source.

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